

role of motherhood on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May as designated by the Congress (38 Stat. 770, 36 U.S.C. 141, 142).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 9, 1976, be observed as Mother's Day. I call upon government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings, and I ask all citizens to display the flag at their homes and other suitable places on that day, and to remember our mothers in some very special way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4438

May 7, 1976

**National Historic Preservation Week, 1976**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

In this Bicentennial year, we have many opportunities to recall that the greatness of America is founded upon appreciation of our heritage and upon knowledge of the historic events that have shaped our national identity.

One of the most important sources of our sense of national direction is our architectural heritage—the historic sites, structures and landmarks that link us physically with our past. This great fund of cultural resources includes not only sites such as well-known battlefields and structures of national significance such as the homes of famous patriots, but also includes typical houses, office buildings, factories, and stores, and other public buildings such as post offices, courthouses, and railroad stations. Along the streets of our cities and towns and in our rural areas, these sometimes humble but historic properties remind us of the accomplishments of our predecessors and, thereby, help to provide a continuity and historical perspective that are so important to the cultural heritage of any great nation.

We are a vigorous and mobile people, often oriented more toward the future than the past. It is important for us to preserve our physical heritage in the face of progress.

So it is a pleasure to note the efforts of those in the historic preservation movement, in both the public and private sector, who have led the movement to preserve these unique and irreplaceable inheritances of the past. An invaluable contribution by them has been to demonstrate how these historic structures of all types can meet the needs of contemporary society and at the same time add to the richness of our cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the calendar week beginning May 9, 1976, as National Historic Preservation Week. I call upon Government agencies at all levels, interested

private individuals and organizations, and all concerned citizens, to mark this observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4439

May 13, 1976

### National Tennis Week, 1976

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### A Proclamation

In slightly more than a decade, the sport of tennis has been transformed from an entertainment for relatively few to an enthusiasm of millions.

What began in England at the estate of Major Walter Clopton Wingfield in 1873 as the modern game of tennis, has now blossomed in America as the physical fitness sport of over 20 million Americans.

Last year, Tennis Week was recognized by twenty-seven governors and fifty-four mayors throughout our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the fourth week in June, 1976, as National Tennis Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4440

May 19, 1976

#### Prayer for Peace

#### Memorial Day, May 31, 1976

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### A Proclamation

In this, our Nation's 200th year, Memorial Day has special significance. As we honor those who gave their lives that our experiment with liberty might succeed, we